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Applicant : Miyuki SASAKI, et al.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 14, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on August 14, 2003, and which has been extended to expire on September 15, 2003, (September 14, 2003 falling on a Sunday), by the enclosed Request for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action together with consideration and allowance of all the claims pending herein, in due course.